

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☒ ~~Cancel~~ original claims 1-14 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 21 -20	1	x	\$18.00	18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 -3	0	x	\$80.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$710.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	728.00

4. ☒ Payment of fees:
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 728.00
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/471,621, filed December 21, 1999, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

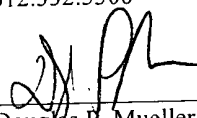
now U.S. Patent No. 6,212,057
7. ☒ A set of formal drawings (10 sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 10-363881, filed on December 22, 1998 in Japan, and Serial No. 11-109331, filed April 16, 1999 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☒ The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/471,621, filed December 21, 1999.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. located at 1006-banchi, Oaza-Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan.
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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11. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☒ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. ☐ Also Enclosed:
15. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Douglas P. Mueller** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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